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3. A 29 SEPTEMBER MANCHESTER GUARDIAN ARTICLE BY PETER NIESEWAND, THE NEWSPAPER'S NEW DELHI BUREAU CHIEF, AROUSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HERE AND IN ISLAMABAD BY ALLEGING THE EXISTENCE OF "A WIDESPREAD FRAUD INVOLVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF UNITED NATIONS FUNDS EARMARKED FOR THE RELIEF OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN." IN THIS AND SUBSEQUENT PIECES, NIESEWAND CHARGED, INTER ALIA, THAT "...THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES FOR WHOM AID IS CLAIMED HAS BEEN EXAGGERATED - SOMETIMES GROSSLY" AND THAT "EVEN GENUINE REFUGEES ARE NOT RECEIVING THEIR AID ENTITLEMENT", WITH RELIEF ASSISTANCE BEING DIVERTED INTO THE POCKETS OF PAKISTANI RELIEF ADMINISTRATORS AND THE AGENTS OF THE PESHAWAR-BASED AFGHAN POLITICAL PARTIES. THE ARTICLES PROVOKED FIERCE DENIALS FROM SENIOR UN STAFF IN ISLAMABAD, WHO WENT TO THE EXTENT OF CALLING A PRESS CONFERENCE TO REFUTE NIESEWAND'S ATTACKS ON THE INTEGRITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR MISSIONS.

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